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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE
TO GOTT EMBASSY, WASHINGTON

1. ON APRIL 4, EMBASSY WAS ADVISED BY MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT GOTT IS ASSIGNING MR. ERROL SMALL TO ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. ON APRIL 5, SMALL PAID COURTESY CALLS ON DCM, AGATT, ECO/COMM. OFFICER AND POL/LABOR OFFICER. FOLLOWING DEVELOPED FROM CONVERSATIONS.

3. SMALL INDICATED APRIL 13 ETA WASHINGTON. HE IS FIRST AND ONLY AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE GOTT HAS ASSIGNED ABROAD. HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE REASON FOR GOTT ACTION EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HIS DUTIES WILL PRIMARILY CONCERN AGRICULTURAL REPORTING, PARTICULARLY FOR COMMODITY

PRICES. IN ADDITION, HE HOPES TO ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH SEED, PLANT MATERIALS, FERTILIZER AND FARM MACHINERY SUPPLIERS IN THE USA. PERSONAL INTEREST ALSO INVOLVES 4-H CLUB EXCHANGE AND TRAINING PROGRAM.

4. WHILE APPARENTLY NOT ON LIST OF PRIORITIES, SUGAR SALES TO U.S. AND DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. MARKET FOR TROPICAL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES COULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN GIVEN A LIST OF RESPONSIBILITIES, CONVERSATIONS INDICATE THIS IS FLEXIBLE AND WILL BE BETTER DEFINED AS HE SETTLES INTO NEW JOB.

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5. SMALL ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FROM 1967-1972 AND RECEIVED BS AND MS DEGREES IN AGRICULTURE WITH MAJOR IN AGRONOMY AND MINORS IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND EXTENSION. AFTER RETURNING TO TRINIDAD IN JANUARY 1972, HE HAS WORKED FOR AGRICULTURE MINISTRY AND IS CURRENTLY ON SECONDMENT TO MIN. EXT. AFFAIRS. HE ANTICIPATES A TWO-YEAR WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT.

6. SMALL APPEARS PERSONABLE AND IS NATIVE OF TOBAGO WHERE FATHER OPERATES PIG FARM. BROTHER RECEIVING MEDICAL DEGREE FROM TEMPLE U IN MAY. WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN WILL ACCOMPANY. MILLER

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